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Washington, D. C., Aug. 16,-The death of Mrs. Edison, wife of the inventor, on Sunday morning last directs public attention once more to this singular individual whose fame during the past decade has grown world wide. Edison is not a genius in the sense of possessing creative power. He is a clever adaptor but nothing more. He is to the world of science what Boucicault is to the dramatic world. Neither the one or the other ever originated an idea in their lines, but each is wonderfully ex-He sprang into fame with a bound been prominent in the development of electrical science. It was the phonograph that first brought Edison wealth and ple testimony. He probably hoarded glory. There was nothing in the phonograph per sa. but the advertising it gave aid of some new invention, to place himself in communication with the inhabitants of the planets of Jupiter and Mars there would have been found plenty of people ready to believe him. There are dozens of telegraphers in the service to-day who knew Edison away back in the '60's when he earned a living as the boys express it, "pounding brass." It is doubtful if one of this number will dissent from the writer's statement that while Edison possesses great adaptability, he is totally lacking in creative power. His gold and stock printing instrument-his first invention was merely an improvement on one that had been in general use for a year or two previous. The quadruplex instrument, which quadruples the carrying capacity of a telegraph line, is the logical sequence of the "duplex," which Stearns, the Boston electrician, evolved from his cunning brain. The phonograph was an accident. It was suggested to Edisor while experimenting with the telephone The first phonograph was a heavy and cumbersome affair. After it was completed Edison tinkered over it a whole

lay trying to make it work. Not succaeding as he thought, he threw it into a corner, where it lay for some weeks One of Edison's assistants found it lying there on one occasion and after adjustin t carefully he was overjoyed to discover he could gain a slight reproduction which Edison's partial deafness had prevented him from hearing. It was thereupon improved and perfected until in the hand of an expert it could be made to repeat whatever was spoken into it with a reasonable degree of accuracy. The tele phone which bears Edison's name is not an original production. There are half a dozen claimants to its paternity, but

So found by the Author, whose excertonce for 28 years is such asprobably nover befor 1 folls to lot of any physic an 509 pages, bound in beautiful freedom and the pages of the same may be said of the table after which the same may be said of the based of the table after which the same may be said of the table after which the same may be said of the based of the table after which the same may be said of the table after which the same may be said of the table after which the same may be said of the table after which the same may be said of the table after which the same may be said of the table after which the same may be said of the table after which the same may be said of the table after which the same may be said of the table after which the same may be said of the table after which the same may be said of the table after which the same may be said of the table after which the same may be said of the table after which the same may be said of the table which the same may be said of the table which the same may be said of the table which the same may be said of the table which the same may be said of the table which the same may be said of the table which the same may be said of the table which the same may be said of the table which the same may be said of the table which the same may be said of the table which the same may be said of the table which the same may be said of the table which the same may be said of the table which the same may be said of the table which the same may be said of the table which the same may be said of the said them that time about 27 the same which the same same table which the same may be said of the table which the same may be said of the table which the same may be said of the said which any out have ought to be satisfied with any out have ou son and the writer were lads together in fied with anything that wore a petticoat prevent bishops or priests becoming cus-

> to conceive of a man who was more caregrimed city, but there was not one of n Edison's clothes outside of the office. He would put on a shirt and wear it unset foot within the precincts of a boarding house during the whole of his residence in Cincinnati. He used to sleep

in the office whenever it was possible

penance to recognize him on the street. His miserly habits, too (for it was supposed he must save every penny since he In the course of time she effected a strikmean and unworthy of respect who was most eternually "broke" and ears over genial lodgings in an ash barrell, while its place was adorned with a tile of more Sha left three of a profession which regarded a man as

as oblivious to the sneers and snubs of his fellow-operators as if such a thing as social ostracism never existed. He was two or three friends in the office, of whom the writer was one; but never a word escaped him about his private affairs. His salary was \$110 a month, and it is no exaggeration to say that his total expenses for the year would not exceed that sum. Finally the manager said it was disgraceful for a man drawing that salary to sleep in the office. Whether he rented a room or what he did cannot be said, but it was not an infrequent occurrance for him to call at the writer's room long after midnight, when he had finished his work, and beg permission to sleep on the sofa. The request would usually be greeted with howls of disgust from the other occupants of the chamber, but to this he gave little heed. "May I?" he would ask, flxing his melancholy eyes upon his one friend ster thus appealed to would end the dis

pute by throwing Edson a blanket, and a

brightest offerings.

minute later he would be curled up under its folds enoring away as contentedly as if fate had reserved for him its fairest and

"His mother."

a receiver, but he could not "send" at all. He used to copy the Associate press dis-patches and would amuse himself in the Home Rule in the Catholic Church intervals of rest by drawing all sorts of ridiculous caricatures on the margin of the sheet. The boys thought it very funny, but the telegraph editors probably regarded it as an unmitigated nui-Edison would copy the dispatches at the highest rate of speed and print the text. The handwriting was round and uniform. It seemed to be no effort

social parish than as an amusing characboy was a veritable rough diamond, and to their well directed efforts is Edison insequent success. One word about Edithough for several years previous he had in the sence of freedom from vices. He was an inordinate tobacco chewer, a fact

chirography at times was pure Spenceri-

son's capacity to perform wonders. If he is justified by subsequent events.

had announced his ability, through the After Edison grew famous and wealth an extensive workshop and laboratory at would work until sleep overpowered him. where he had left off. Few men could

later years and vex him. one day a friend asked him why he did not get married. "You have a nice home up there on the hill. Why don't you provide a young and pretty mistress for to it. I might tell you what is not known to many of the priests even, that the titled to as much credit for its inception as any other American citizen. It has been evolved and taken shape long before Edison dreamed of it as a possibility. The same may be said of the sleet light and all the provide a young and pretty mistress for to many of the priests even, that the outside course of sheaves inclines inward, the heads of the sheaves incline

long, and his hands obviously were a had left a pleasing impression on his great embarassment to him. His manimid. He went up to her suddenly one be qualified and curtailed to some extent. ner was shy and diffident. When he day, and in his shy, awkward manner. He tells them that at least one paster in spoke he uttered his words in a low tone said: "A friend of mine has suggested after the fashion of people whose hear- that I get married. I haven't much time ing is partly defective. It is impossible to think of such things, but I should imagine you would make about the sort have been made against him and he is less about his personal attire. The of a wife I want. If you will marry me messengers in the company's employ I'll promise to make you a good hus-were recruited from the ranks of the street gamins of that dirty and smoke-be- somewhat surprised, but said she would somewhat surprised, but said she would think it over. Edison gave her a week the priests more say and more security their number who would have been seen in which to decide. She finally accepted in the church of America and therein him, and the wedding followed soon after. Rome shows its historic wisdom. I re-An extensive tour was projected, emtil no laundry would receive it and then bracing the New England states and a lects their bishops as a very long step in throw it aside, when it was practicable, to beg or borrow another. How he lived from the church to the station Edison the first Bishop In the United States was an inscrutable mystery. He never remembered that he had forgotton something at his laboratory, which demanded only a moments attention. "Drive on lieve is due the improved method of fillto the station," said he, springing out of in the office whenever it was possible, and thus avoid paying room rent. This twenty minutes." The bridal party did was easily accomplished, inasmuch as he so and that was the last seen of Edison belonged to the night force and was usually the last to go off duty. He was very unpopular with his associates. The principle reason for this was his disreptu-able appearance, which made it a severe everything else. Mrs. Edison had great influence over her husband. She was a woman evidently of tact and adroitness. was never known to spend one), got him in general morphosis in his personal appearance, and would of itself have been sufficient to damn him in the eyes clothes gave way to garments of more fashionable make, and the rusty old

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-Priests Elect a Bishop.

It is probably unprecedested in the history of the Catholic caurch that the supreme authorities at Rome should take such prompt and decided action on a matter of church government originating and uniform. It seemed to be no effort with an humble priest as it has done in the copy in this manner for a whole evel the case of Father P. Corrigan, of Hoboning, which he usually did, though his ken, the author of the book on "Episcop al Nominations," which Bishop Wigger an. Finally he drifted down to Boston, suppressed, out extracts from which where it seems he was regarded less as a were published in the Mercury at the time. Rome has not only endorsed ter. Here, too, his budding talent re- Father Corrigan's theory that in a coun ceived its first real development from association with men like Moses G. Fartional, state and local, is representative tional, state and local, is representative mer, George D. Milliken, and other electricians of note. Their intelligence showed them that this uncouth western but has actually.

ADOPTED IT IN ONE SIGNAL CASE out west. It is only about a year since debted to his first real start in life. In a short time he abandoned his calling as an operator to enter upon the broader and came to New York and had the stereooperator to enter upon the broader and more honorable field of electrical engineering. This marked an epoch in his experience from which dates all his subsequent success. One word about Edipert in elaborating and improving on the crude efforts of others. There has been more nonsense written about Edison than probably any other living man the sprang into fame with a bound He sprang into fame with a bound and pure. He was naturally a good here. and pure. He was naturally a good boy was an advocacy of the principle that the box of sardines in the bottom of the priests should have a voice in the selection of their bishops; and a cable dispatch to which his stained shirt-front bore ample testimony. He probably hoarded every penny with the view of accumula-

> according to the rule that has always heretofore prevailed in America, and began to pour upon him, he established selected the names of three priests, which were forwarded to Rome, for the the village of Menlo Park, just across the Mullen's successor. There was unusual New Jersey border. He also erected a line house, where he lives in quiet bachelor simplicity. He surrounded himself with a corpse of assistants, each of whom was an expert in his special line. In these days when he was probably more ambitious of fame and felt a deeper personal interest in his experiments, it is said that he worked his assistants nearly

Edison would never stop work. He has and the Hoboken pastor has gained a been known to live for days on bread and cheese. While his right hand would be occupied in figuring out the solution of some abstract problem, he would teed thimself mechanically by breaking off lit labits of the bread and cheese. He le bits of the bread and cheese. He ting to the great council which will soon meet in Baltimore what they should do When he awoke he would commence on this question. Some of the hierarchy are in favor of the priests electing their is to keep the center of the stack ful stand the mental and physical strain. Ed-bishops, notably Archbishop Gibbons, of and bigh. This is the very point in son's success in this regard was due Baltimore, the highest Catholic Church which so many stackers fail. To keep son's success in this regard was due solely to his frugal, simple habits, and to he fact that in his early youth he had sowed no "wild oats" to spring up in endorsed Father Corrigan's pamphlet. But the great majority of bishops are op- is the greater the tendency of the out-The story of Edison's marriage is a curious one, and quite in keeping with his singular character. It was told to the writer by Edison's private secretary, and is vouched for as being literally true.

One day a friend sole like it is a possible of the outside courses to slip out and spoil the stack. But the stacker should remember that as the stack settles, the middle, bearing the greater weight, sinks the post, and two weaks attention. One day a friend asked him why he did asked their priests for opinions upon it,

tion!" exclaimed his friend indignantly. ture; second, the religious orders, as to of it; this, if followed out honestly, will 'A man who has no more sentiment in the management of their property, etc.; keep the middle of the stack high enough his soul than you have ought to be satis- third, the financial question, that is, to In laying the outside bundles, stick each

every nine must be made a permanent pastor who cannot be removed save for cause and after specific charges shall given a trial. The council is given the privilege of making one pastor in every three permanent, but must make one in every nine. Rome is in favor of giving chosen by the suffrages of the priests, ing vacant bishopries."

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A FISH STORY.

Ves Nichols, the Truthful, Relates

One of Some Interest. "Referring to fish, said Colonel Ves probably true, but the reason given for it Nichols to a News reporter, yesterday is probably a fiction Mr. Kasson, be-afternoon, "raminda me of a trip I was sides being a grass-widower, is not young afternoon, "reminds me of a trip I once nor handsome, and the circumstances of took up in Dakota in 1877. We were his first wife's separation from him were traveling in a coach, and there were about not of a character to impress favorably a dozen of us, among them John Powell, any possible second-comer. The original (who, by the way, was with the reporter) Mrs. Kasson now lives in St. Louis and Henry Shaffint, now a prosperous farmer is Mrs. Rufus J. Lackland, of that city in this county, Theodore Wheeler, who Her husband is the president of the Boat now owns a horse and cattle ranch at man's Savings bank, one of the largest Lupton, and strangers from various parts. financial institutions of that city, and is Wheeler, by the way, was one of the a man of wealth. Her brother is Rev. most bashful young men I ever knew. I Dr. Elliott, president of Washington Unused to think I was bashful, but he iversity. Mrs. Lackland belongs to a yanked the bun. Well, we were headed family distinguished for high intellectfor Deadwood. The Indians seemed to uality, and is herself a lady of very super run things up in that section after their rior mind. She is now quite gray, but own way, and almost every stage coach has a remarkably attractive face, her had been held up and robbed and the eyes being particularly large and brilpassengers either killed or held at ran- liant. She is the leader of the Washing som. As a consequence of these pre-ceeding killings, every occupant of the is distinguished for her charitable deeds. coach carried Winchesters and a pair of She separated from Mr. Kasson many Colt's on his hips.

"But the fish?" queried the reporter. reasons for doing so. "That's so. But as I was saying, we were all armed to the teeth. Of course I was frantic with delight. I was much spex of my ambition to drop a Sigux home.

But I didn't have the opportunity, which was not my fault.

"Quite a fish story."
"Well we were about two days ride
from Deadwood, and the road was awfully dusty and Indians were occasionally seen hovering around the horizon but none came near enough for any of us to get a crack at them. This irritated the driver a great deal, and you may be lieve me or not, just as you please, that driver drove us a straight fifty two hours without stopping for anything to eat or anything else. As a consequence we got mighty hnogry, and when we struck an eating station a few hours this side of Deadwood.

"This is where the fish come in?" "Never you mind the fish. When we were once stopped the driver said to hurry as he was to change horses and go right on. Then there was a great rush The woman who run the place was an Amazon, I tell you, and looked as though she was strong enough to take the whole kit of us and throw us out of the house. But she didn't. Finally seme one stole something and she jumped onto me as being the guilty wretch. In those days I was not a morbid, bleated government flicial, but a simple seeker after the glittering goddess. But I attracted her attention to such an extent that the rest age of

passengers took advant-it and placed a box of crackers, a cheese, sev-eral links of questionable bolognas and a ceach. Finally the driver shouted "all aboard," and Wheeler and myself were alone in the house. "You stole a box of sardines," said the woman, "No, I glory. There was nothing in the phonograph per se, but the advertising it gave him was immense. After its utility had been demonstrated, no one doubted Edio of elaborate experiments. This belief didn't, it was that other fellow," said I, when we both made our escape and got into the coach just as it started on the jump for Deadwood."

"Why, you old stupid, ain't sardines fish?" said Colonel Ves as he grabbed Powell by the arm and waltzed off toward the new government building.

they did, and the Pope cast aside the nominations of the bishops of the province and made his selection from the said that he worked his assistants nearly to death. He would lock them as well as himself in a room, and hours would sometimes lengthen into days before they could escape. When they would protest that they were almost dead for sleep are would tell them to lie down on the floor and snatch a little rest. Their meals would be brought to them, but Edison would never stop work. He has been known to live for days on bread Piles are frequently preceded by a sense of dies have failed. Do not delay until the drain on the system produces permanent disability, but try it and be cured. Schroter & Becht, "Trade supplied by C. F. Goodman."

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The second point to be observed in the building of a stack is to shape the bundles: that is, put the butts in that position which will suit the shape of the stack. While standing in the shock the sheaves have inclined inward to a common centre. This has given the butts a diagonal shape. This makes one side of the sheaf longer than the other. Below the bulge lay the long side of the bundle up; above the bulge lay the long side of the bundle down. When the bundles are laid in this way the stack is smooth. as it should be; not because it looks nicer, but because there are no sharp projections to catth the rain and carry it into the stack. This may seem like a small point but it is of sufficient importance to be observed by the man who desires to put up a stack which will pre-

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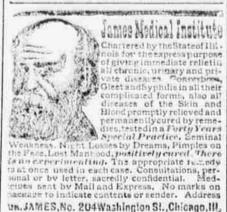
Mr. Kasson, of Iowa, who has been ap pointed to the Berlin mission, and who has become quite well-known the country over through his long service in congress, is a grass-widower and has been recently a suitor for the hand of one of the daughters of Secretary of State Frelinghuysen. It is understood that he was rejected because the lady did not want to live in Iowa. That he was rejected is years ago, and she probably had good 20 Pages (FIFTEENTH YEAR '80 COUNTY

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